

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2018
4:00 PM**

The Dillon County Council held a called meeting on January 24, 2018 at 4:00pm in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3rd Ave, Dillon SC. Present were T.F. Finklea, Stevie Grice, Archie Scott, Jack Scott, Harold Moody and James Campbell. Also present were: Rodney Berry (County Administrator), Richard Gaddy (Finance Director), Alan Berry (County Attorney), Betsy Finklea (The Dillon Herald), Robbie Coward (Deputy Administrator) and Jamie Sue Stephens (Clerk to Council).

The following were notified of the meeting and provided an agenda: By e-mail – Charles Curry, Randy Grimsley (Dillon County EMS), The Dillon Herald, Susan Norton (Perdue), Tim Ammons (Attorney), Tonny McNeil (Dillon County Economic Development), Yolanda McCormick (Dillon County Librarian), Gabriel Salmon (PDCAA), Larry Abraham (Chief Deputy), Les Jackson (County Deputy), Terry Morris, Alvin Nobles, Dillon County Planning/Code Enforcement Office, WMBF News, Sheriff Major Hulon, Jerry Rivers, Dan Gruszka, Bobby Holland (SCANA), Jamie Estes (Dillon County Treasurer), Dillon County Finance, Sonny McRae (Dillon County E911), Alan Lane, Steve Johnson and Randy Rouse (Hometown TV), Manufactured Housing Institute of SC, Ron Bartley and Cathy Pelfrey (NETC), Karl McCollester (Agenda Repository), Haywood Proctor, Bo McInnis, Helen & Carley Wiggins, Danny Holder (Dillon County IT), Florence Morning News Room, Kenneth Smith, Calvin Matthews, Charlie Bailey, Rhonda Leonard, Gerry Flemming, Tonie Martin, Rosco Oxendine, Delores Smith, Terry Brown, Winna Miller, Jacorie M., Melissa Thompson, Deborah Vann, Jennifer Ward, Corey Jackson, Bill Patel; By fax – Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

Chairman Stevie Grice presided over the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Rodney Berry, County Administrator led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Archie Scott.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Rodney Berry told Council that the agenda needed to be amended to add finance report under Administrator's report. **James Campbell motioned to amend agenda to add finance report. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor. TF Finklea approved amended agenda. Archie Scott seconded and all voted in favor.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 12/13/17

Archie Scott motioned to approve minutes of 12/13/17. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Rodney Berry told that the Department Head of the Month was Jamie Estes, but she was unable to be with us today. Rodney stated that Jamie Estes has done a great job. This is the time of the year that she is extra busy with taxes. Rodney recognized Mackie George as Employee of the month. Rodney explained that there is a litter problem in every County and Mackie has done an outstanding job and we appreciate him very much. Mackie was presented with a Visa gift card.

RECOGNITION OF KIM DANIELS RETIREMENT

Rodney Berry recognized Kim Daniels for his thirty six years of service. Stevie Grice read the plaque to him and presented him with a token of appreciation.

RECREATION REQUESTS

None

VEHICLE FOR GIS

Rodney Berry explained about the GIS vehicle went out and the repairs were greater that the vehicle is worth. The vehicle (Jeep Liberty) was purchased at Donnie Gerald Auto Sales in the amount of \$5,500 and is four wheel drive.

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Archie Scott motioned to purchase vehicle for GIS in the amount of \$5,500.00. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.

MATTHEW ELVINGTON – COMMENTS

Matthew Elvinton told Council of his displeasure on the one percent sales tax. He also said that the money was not allocated and money was moved to the general fund. Matthew explained to Council that he would like to make a request that the County reinstate posting of accounts payable ledger on County Website, this way we can have transparency and the public can see where our money, the money that we are not getting is being spent. Matthew asked the Chairman to make a motion to vote on this and move to reinstate that posting if not today at next called meeting. Jack Scott replied to Matthew's displeasures. Jack thanked all the citizens of Lake View for attending. He explained that the people of Lake View voted for him to conduct business. Jack Scott stated that he is working for the people of Lake View and will get to the bottom of this.

MOHAWK BUILDING OFFERS

Rodney Berry told Council that he had advertised for bids on the Mohawk building and received two. He said that one was from John Schwarz in the amount of \$300,000.00 and the second bid was from Dillon Manufacturing in the amount of \$452,000.00. Rodney Berry told Council that they needed to make a decision to proceed with this contract, that it will take three readings and a public hearing. **Archie Scott motioned to engage on the \$452,000.00 bid. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.**

OLD BUSINESS

LATTA RESCUE – ROBBIE MCDANIEL

Robbie McDaniel did not show up.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

FIRST CITIZEN'S BUILDING

Rodney Berry told Council that we own the building that houses our Economic Development Department and the Chamber and we would like to find someone that would maybe build apartments because to replace with roof would cost about \$30,000.00. Rodney stated to Council that this is just for information.

****Agenda amended – Finance Report added**

Richard Gaddy, Finance Director, gave the reconciled bank account balance as of January 22, 2018 with net available funds of \$421,241.71. Mr. Gaddy told Council that the property taxes for January have not yet been allocated. He also said that the good news was that we have finished with the gas line payment.

ORDINANCES

A. SECOND READING – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND A COMPANY OR COMPANIES KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AT THIS TIME AS PROJECT TINY MIRACLE WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY, WHEREBY SUCH PROPERTY WILL BE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO. Archie Scott motioned to have second reading. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.

B. FIRST READING – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK (2016 PARK) OF DILLON AND MARLBORO COUNTIES SO AS TO ENLARGE THE PARK (TINY Miracle). Archie Scott motioned to have first reading. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.

C. FIRST READING – AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2018, OF DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; FIXING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS;

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AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF COUNTY COUNCIL AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS; THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE BONDS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO. Richard Gaddy told Council that this GO Bond would be to purchase a Front End Loader, Backhoe, and a new Motor grader. **TF Finklea motioned to have first reading. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.**

D. FIRST READING – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND COTTON SOLAR, LLC, WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY, WHEREBY SUCH PROPERTY WILL BE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY, WHEREBY SUCH PROPERTY SPECIAL SOURCE CREDITS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO. Archie Scott motioned to have first reading. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.

E. FIRST READING – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND WHITETAIL SOLAR, LLC WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY, WHEREBY SUCH PROPERTY WILL BE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE CREDITS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO. Archie Scott motioned to have first reading. TF Finklea seconded and all voted in favor.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

A. BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROCLAMATION

James Campbell motioned to approve Black History Month Proclamation. Archie Scott seconded and all voted in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – LEGAL MATER – OPIOID LITIGATION; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER – PROJECT BIO – TREASURER’S LEGAL FEES

James Campbell motioned to go into executive session. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.

Archie Scott motioned to come out of executive session. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.

RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

OPIOID LITIGATION POSITION

Archie Scott motioned to approve Opioid Litigation Position. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Archie Scott stated that it is always good to hear from the general public and he thanked them for coming. It shows that you are interested in your community.

ADJOURNMENT

James Campbell motioned to adjourn. Archie Scott seconded and all voted in favor.

Stevie Grice, Chairman

Jamie Sue Stephens, Clerk to Council

Date Approved